

# Electronics Stewardship: Digital Television in 2009

- Signal Switch on February 17, 2009
- Analog TVs with cable and satellite service unaffected.
- Analog TVs with antennas (outdoor & rabbit ears) will need a converter box.
  - Converter Box Coupons, \$40 value each, limit 2 per household for purchase of 2 digital-to-analog converter boxes.



# Expected Figures

- 13-19 million households are expected to be affected by the DTV switch.
- The converter box should cost between \$40-80.
- Energy Star converter boxes will be available
- The converter box coupon will be valid for only 90 days once received.

# DTV: What tribal (& local) governments can do

- Get the word out
  - Old TVs should continue to work
  - Educate public about antennas and converter boxes
  - Coupons available for those who need to buy a converter box
- Prepare for a wave of dumped TV sets
  - Line up recycling options
  - Review possible recycling vendors

# Contact Us

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- Before you are confronted with an e-waste wave...**contact us.**
- **We have tools** to help you determine which e-waste solution works best for you.

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# Web Links

- EPA's website for DTV information
  - <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/recycle/ecycling/tv-convert.htm>
- Checklist for Selecting an Electronics Recycling Service
  - <http://www.federalelectronicchallenge.net/resources/docs/select.pdf>
- On-site review guide of Electronics Recyclers
  - [http://www.federalelectronicchallenge.net/resources/docs/onsite\\_review.pdf](http://www.federalelectronicchallenge.net/resources/docs/onsite_review.pdf)
- Cell Phone Recycling Campaign
  - <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/conserved/plugin/cellphone/index.htm>